

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

All children in Minnesota deserve to grow up in a nurturing environment, where

they feel loved, safe, and stable; and

WHEREAS:

There are hundreds of children in Minnesota's foster care system waiting to be

adopted by families who can provide safe, permanent homes; and

WHEREAS:

It is crucial for older children, as well as younger children, to have adoptive

families, and for sibling groups to be adopted together to maintain family bonds;

and

WHEREAS:

Foster children and sibling groups adopted last year have been able to grow and

prosper in permanent homes that are nurturing environments with loving

families; and

WHEREAS:

One of the greatest gifts a person can give is opening their heart and home to a

child or sibling group from the foster care system. Adopted children have a

positive impact on families and bring great happiness; and

WHEREAS:

The State of Minnesota recognizes the commitment of adoptive parents who

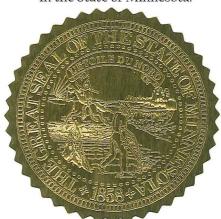
support children in crisis and continue to invest in their future by raising them

in loving homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2013. as:

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21st day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE